

Report of: David Thompson

Oct. 30, 1926.

Re: shots fired on night
of murder.

105.600-OPRPT-DT

WILLIAM GORDON, who resides with Edwin Reynolds on the River Road beyond the wireless station, was formerly employed on the William Leupp place. Gordon claims that at the time of the murder the small house was unoccupied and that William Leupp and his family and Beach Leupp were away and that he himself was sleeping in the big house and acting as caretaker in their absence; that on the night of the murder, as usual, he went to bed shortly after dark and before he went to sleep he heard some shots. Just how many he does not know, although he says he knows that there were at least two shots fired. He fixes the time as somewhere around 9 o'clock, as near as he can judge. He claims that he does not know from what direction the sound of the shots came and paid no attention to them because ordinarily it is not an uncommon thing to hear the sound of shots coming from the Italian settlement. After talking with Mr. Neilson and checking up his memorandum of August 31st, I questioned Gordon a second time, but he still insists that to the best of his recollection he was alone on the Leupp property at the time and that Mr. Beach Leupp did not come back to the big house, where he subsequently died, until after the murder. However, I am following this matter out further to determine whether or not he may be mistaken in that respect and efforts are being made to locate Mrs. Lapham, who was the